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SUBJECT: TRANSIT ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS: RAILWAY STATIONS

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1 SENAT CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL KUNZE INFORMED LISIAON
OFFICERS FEB 6 THAT SIEMENS HAD CONTRACT TO RECONSTRUCT
SIGNAL AND OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT CONNECTED WITH RAIL
CROSSING POINT AT STAACKEN AND REOPENING OF RAILWAY
STATIONS AT SPANDAU, CHARLOTTENBURG AND WANNSEE.
REICHSBAHN WAS UNABLE TO PERFORM THIS WORK. ACCORDING
TO KUNZE, SIEMENS HAD TALKED TO REICHSBAHN ABOUT USING
BUNDESBAHN WORK TRAIN (BAUZUG) ON PROJECT SINCE IT HAD
REQUIRED TECHNICAL TOOLS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. REICHSABHN
AGREED ON UNDERSTANDING TRAIN WOULD HAVE SIGN AFFIXED
TO SIDE INDICATING IT UNDER CONTRACT TO SIEMENS. KUNZE
SAID SENAT HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE AND ASKED
WHETHER ALLIES HAD PROBLEMS. LIAISON OFFICERS INDICATED
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THERE NO ALLIED OBJECTION. SENAT IS AWARE THAT NO
ACTUAL WORK MAY BEGIN UNTIL ALLIES HAVE FORMALLY

APPROVED PROJECT PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BK/O OF DEC 19.

2 KUNZE ALSO REPORTED THAT SIEMENS BELIEVED IT WOULD BE TECHNICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR STAAKEN CROSSING TO BE READY BY SEPT 15, AS SCHEDULED. EXTENSIVE SIGNALING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT COMPATIBLE WITH GDR EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY IN OPERATION MUST BE INSTALLED. GDR EQUIPMENT IS OBSOLETE BY FRG STANDARDS. SIEMENS PLANS TO HUNT THROUGH DUNDESBahn STORAGE AREAS IN FRG FOR OLD-STYLE EQUIPMENT BUT DOUBTS IT CAN BE FOUND IN TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECT ON SCHEDULE.

3. ACCORDING TO REICHSBAHN ESTIMATE WHICH WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM SENAT, CHARLOTTENBURG AND WANNSEE STATIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 15 (SUMMER TIMETABLE GOES INTO EFFECT MAY 30). COMPLETION OF STAAKEN CROSSING POINT AND SPANDAU STATION TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SEPTEMBER 15. FURTHERMORE, REICHSBAHN EXPECTS THAT ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS WITH WEST BERLIN FIRMS WILL BE SIGNED BY FEBRUARY 27. WE BELIEVE REICHSBAHN ESTIMATES IN ALL FOREGOING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. GEORGE

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